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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM FOR FY-76; REGIONALLY FUNDED
GROUP SEMINARS (POLITICAL ECONOMY OF RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
IN L.A.)

REF: 75 STATE 273757

1. NOMINATE MR. JULIO WICHT ROSSEL, ASESOR TO THE ALTA DIRECCION DEL INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE PLANIFICACION (ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO THE DIRECTORATE OF THE NATIONAL PLANNING INSTITUTE) FOR UP TO 30 DAYS IV GRANT TO COMMENCE O/A MARCH 27.

2. JUSTIFICATION: MR. WICHT IS ADVISOR TO THE CHIEF AND TO THE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL PLANING INSTITUTE ON ALL ASPECTS RELATED TO ECONOMIC PLANNING AND REPRESENTS THE INP ON INTER-MINISTERIAL WORKING GROUPS. EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICERS CONSIDER HIM A RELIABLE SPOKESMAN IN REGARD TO GOP ECONOMIC POLICY AND AN ARTICULATE AND MATURE THINKER ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. HE BELIEVES GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. ARE ESSENTIAL AND IS AT THE SAME TIME AN ADVOCATE OF THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION. WE APPROACHED INP OFFICIALS RE STATE 273757 (75) IN ORDER OBTAIN CLEARNCES FOR POSSIBLE CANDIDATES. MR. WICHT IS THE OFFICIAL INP CANDIDATE FOR THE SUBJECT GROUP SEMINAR.

3. PAST POSITIONS: IN PRESENT POSITION SINCE JANUARY 1, 1975. FROM APRIL 1972 TO JUNE 1973 WAS CHIEF OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESEARCH OF THE INP; FROM JULY 1973 TO DECEMBER 1974 WAS CHIEF OF PUBLIC SECTOR FINANCING UNIT OF INP.

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4. PERSONAL DATA: BORN APRIL 18, 1932 AT SALAVERRY, LA LIBERTAD,

PERU; MALE. HOME ADDRESS: PASAJE LA FLORIDA 151, SAN ISIDRO,
LIMA 27, PERU. EMERGENCY NAME: DR. JOSE LUIS WICHT, BROTHER.

5. EDUCATION: GRADUATED FROM CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY LIMA, 1954;
LICENCIATE IN PHILOSOPHY, SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY OF ALCALA DE
HENARES, MADRID, 1957, LICENCIATE IN THEOLOGY, SAN CUGAT
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, BARCELONA, 1964, LICENCIATE IN ECONOMICS,
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LILLE, FRANCE, 1968; PHD.
CANDIDATE IN ECONOMICS, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, BOSTON, 1972.
JESUET PRIEST.

6. TRAVEL ABROAD: EXTENSIVE TRAVEL ABROAD AS INDICATED PARA 5.

7. ENGLISH: IS GOOD, ADEQUATE FOR PROFESSIONAL DISCUSSIONS;
WILL NOT NEED ESCORT-INTERPRETER.

8. ELIGIBLE FOR VISA.

9. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: MR. WICHT'S INTERESTS ARE IN AREA OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON SOCIAL ASPECTS
OF DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING EMPLOYMENT DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME,
GENERATION SAVINGS, INVESTMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, QUALITY OF
LIFE, POPULATION, HOUSING, EDUCATION, AND HEALTH. HE HAS
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BEING BROUGHT UP TO DATE ON
RESEARCH PROGRAMS OF THE WORLD BANK, THE INTER-AMERICAN
DEVELOPMENT BANK, AND ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES RELATED
TO HIS AREAS OF INTEREST. IN ADDITION, THE BROOKINGS
INSTITUTION'S PROGRAM ON INCOME DISTRIBUTION (WITH PRINCETON
UNIVERSITY) IS ONE IN WHICH HE IS INTERESTED. HE EXPRESSED
INTEREST IN VISITING HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND BOSTON UNIVERSITY.
ARRANGMENTS CAN BE MADE AFTER HIS ARRIVAL, BECAUSE HE WILL
REMAIN IN THE WASHINGTON -BOSTON-EASTERN CORRIDOR, AND BASED
ON A FIRST WEEK OF CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON (IBRD, IDB,
OAS) ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS CAN BE OBTAINED.
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